

249J.5 Expansion population eligibility.

1. Except as otherwise provided in [this chapter](#), an individual nineteen through sixty-four years of age shall be eligible solely for the expansion population benefits described in [this chapter](#) when provided through the expansion population provider network as described in [this chapter](#), if the individual meets all of the following conditions:

a. The individual is not eligible for coverage under the medical assistance program in effect on or after April 1, 2005.

b. The individual has a family income at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services.

c. The individual fulfills all other conditions of participation for the expansion population described in [this chapter](#), including requirements relating to personal financial responsibility.

2. Individuals otherwise eligible solely for family planning benefits authorized under the medical assistance family planning services waiver, effective January 1, 2005, as described in 2004 Iowa Acts, [chapter 1175](#), section 116, [subsection 8](#), may also be eligible for expansion population benefits provided through the expansion population provider network.

3. Individuals with family incomes below three hundred percent of the federal poverty level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services shall also be eligible for obstetrical and newborn care under the expansion population if deductions for the medical expenses of all family members would reduce the family income to two hundred percent of the federal poverty level or below. Such individuals shall be eligible for the same benefits as those provided to individuals eligible under [section 135.152](#). Eligible individuals may choose to receive the appropriate level of care at any licensed hospital or health care facility, with the exception of individuals in need of such care residing in the counties of Cedar, Clinton, Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk, Louisa, Muscatine, Scott, and Washington, who shall be provided care at the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics.

4. Enrollment for the expansion population may be limited, closed, or reduced and the scope and duration of expansion population services provided may be limited, reduced, or terminated if the department determines that federal medical assistance program matching funds or appropriated state funds will not be available to pay for existing or additional enrollment.

5. Eligibility for the expansion population shall not include individuals who have access to group health insurance, unless the reason for not accessing group health insurance is allowed by rule of the department.

6. Each expansion population member shall provide to the department all insurance information required by the health insurance premium payment program.

7. The department shall contract with the county general assistance directors to perform intake functions for the expansion population, but only at the discretion of the individual county general assistance director.

8. If the department provides intake services at the location of a provider included in the expansion population provider network, the department shall consider subcontracting with local nonprofit agencies to promote greater understanding between providers, under the medical assistance program and included in the expansion population provider network, and their recipients and members.

9. Following initial enrollment, an expansion population member shall reenroll annually by the last day of the month preceding the month in which the expansion population member initially enrolled. The department may provide a process for automatic reenrollment of expansion population members.

2005 Acts, ch 167, §5, 66; 2006 Acts, ch 1184, §112, 127